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**REQUEST
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>Patent & Trademark</i>	<i>Application Number</i>	09/078,853
	<i>Filing Date</i>	May 14, 1998
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	<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	450100-4486

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ 	06/04/2004 AWDNDAF1 00000020 500320 09078853 01 FC:1801 770.00 DA 02 FC:1252 420.00 DA
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